of cost to Chhattisgarh from 1st November, 2000 to 31st October, 2001, under Emergency Relief Fund and the amount provided under the said fund ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : 5.28 lakh MTs. of rice were allocated to Chhattisgarh free of cost for Food for Work Programme (FFWP). An amount of Rs. 58.94 crore was also allocated from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for drought.

Amendment in the Quarantine Law

†1984. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item published in the Hindustan dated 26th October, 2001 under the caption, Quarantine Kanoon me Sanshodhan;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to amend this law; and

(c) if so, whether any provision for the necessary certification in this regard would be made through the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The news-item published in the Hindustan dated 26-10-2001 refers to the National Facility for Virus Diagnosis and Quality Control of Tissue-culture raised Planting Material by the Department of Biotechnology. It also mentions National Containment-cum-Quarantine Facility for Transgenic Planting Material set up at National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi. The imported Tissue-culture raised Planting Material is already covered under the Quarantine Law. Import of Transgenic Planting Material except for research purposes is not permitted presently. There is no proposal to amend the Quarantine Law in this regard at present.

Assistance for Tropical, Temperate and Arid Zones

1985. SHRI BHAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether financial assistance is being provided to States for development of tropical, temperate and arid zones and for development of horticulture;

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided during 2000-2001 and till date, State-wise;

(c) the names of crops identified for tissue-culture; and

(d) the details of increase in production of horticultural crops by tissue-culture ?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) and (b) The State-wise details of assistance provided under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Integrated Development of Fruits during the year 2000-01 and till date is given in the Statement *(see below)* The Scheme was subsumed under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture-Supplementation/ Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans with effect from October, 2000 under which the State Governments can take up programmes for development of horticulture as per their needs and requirements.

(c) Banana and strawberry are major fruit crops identified for tissue-culture propagation. Protocols are available for papaya, grape, citrus and pineapple for tissue-culture propagation.

(d) The increase in production of horticultural crops due to tissue-culture has not been quantified.

Statement

Assistance Provided for Development of Fruits

(Rs. in Lakh)

State	Assistance Provided	
	200001	Till 2000-01 during IX Plan
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	33.72	267.70
Arunachal Pradesh	11.68	128.39
Assam	8.66	33.66
Bihar	8.00	99.72
Goa	4.92	4.92
Gujarat	12.03	72.03
Haryana	17.32	167.12
Himachal Pradesh	18.21	84.90
Jammu & Kashmir	24.26	256.26
Karnataka	38.85	458.79
Kerala	23.70	408.39
Madhya Pradesh	16.57	367.57

1	2	3
Maharashtra	43.58	557.58
Manipur	20.28	277.28
Meghalaya	12.94	54.44
Mizoram	15.57	92.70
Nagaland	15.49	238.19
Orissa	30.44	1464.55
Punjab	29.45	93.53
Rajasthan	18.87	209.57
Sikkim	11.96	73.45
Tamil Nadu	31.11	442.14
Tripura	14.09	87.19
Uttar Pradesh	33.66	176.10
West Bengal	4.64	74.64
Sub-Total (States)	500.00	6190.81
A & N Islands	2.57	32.56
Chandigarh	0.68	13.68
D & N Haveli	1.99	13.70
Delhi	0.95	0.95
Daman & Diu	2.23	17.73
Lakshadeep	2.53	36.52
Pondichery	4.05	14.55
Sub-Total (UT)	15.00	129.69
TOTAL	515.00	6320.50

Diseases through imported animals

1986. SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether cattle are being imported every year in the country for the last two years :

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise and cattle-wise: